MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is the inability on the part of Government to place the correspondence on the table? Is it because of the fact that the correspondence is of a confidential nature?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What are the papers now placed on the table?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Copies of the agreements relating to the use of the water at Pallivasal and the Power House site.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the agreement with the Kannandevan Hills Produce Company Ltd., *re* Pallivasal Power House site dated 1st February 1910, may I know, what was the purport of that agreement which now stands cancelled?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The purport of the agreement is given in the preliminary paragraph itself.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): It refers to the previous agreement which stands at present cancelled and a new agreement is entered into with the Company. My question is whether I can know something of the purport of the previous agreement which is now cancelled.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The previous agreement is not with me at present.

Statistics of Sale Deeds executed by Nayars after the Nayar Regulation.

191. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number and value of the sale deeds executed by Nayars from the date of the commencement of the Nayar Regulation of 1100 till the end of 1102?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Number of documents 45,649. Value Sr. Rs. 1,69,81,111.

Increase of pay to Police Constables.

192. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer given to question No. 33 on the 1st August 1927, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the examination of the question of increasing the pay of the Police Constables here to the level of their brothers in the Sister State of Cochin and the Madras Presidency is over; and

(*b*) if so, the result of their examination?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

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MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): In answer to part (a) may I know when they began examining the question?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): In February 1926.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): In what stage it is now after these two years?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The matter is under consideration.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With whom is it pending?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): With Government.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that Government are considering the question for the last two years?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Some time ago detailed information had to be got. Those details have now come to Government and they are under examination.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): How long has it been pending with Government?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Only from March 1928.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): On 1st August 1927 the Government answered that the question is being examined with reference to question No. 33.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government wanted detailed information on some points and they have since got them.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether all information that the Government wanted have been received now?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The official report has come and that is being examined.

MR S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Official report of what?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): In regard to certain information that the Government wanted then.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I further to understand from the member that they will require further information as it comes to the last stage.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have already stated that whether more information is necessary or not is under the consideration of the Government.

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MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): My point is whether the examination of the question of increasing the pay of the Police Constables is over?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Various aspects of the question have to be considered and it is not a small matter. A large expenditure has to be incurred and many matters have to be gone into before the Government can come to a conclusion.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I have a rough idea of the time that will be wanted by the Government for considering this question?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

The Chief Engineer's Visits in North and Central Travancore.

193. **MR. K. I. JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the taluks in North and Central Travancore visited by the Chief Engineer after the last Budget Session of the Council was over and the new works, if any, he has recommended to the Government after his visit;

(*b*) whether he visited the taluk of Minachil after the last Council;

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the same;

(*d*) whether the Chief Engineer proposes to visit the taluk and for taking necessary action to improve and develop the means of communication in the taluk, in the light of the several applications and representations made by the people and their representatives of the taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Devicolam, Ambalapuzha, Shertallai, Vaikom, Kottayam, Changanacherry, Peermade, Muvattupuzha, Todupuzha and Minachil taluks. No new schemes have yet been formulated.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*) this does not arise.

(*d*) He has already visited the taluk and discussed the matter with the Division Officer and some of the representatives of the people and has left instructions with the former for conducting the necessary investigation.

Assistant Excise Commissioner Mr. Puduval's Letter to the Co-operative Inspector.

194 **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the letter written by Assistant Excise Commissioner Mr. Puduval while at Kottayam to a Co-operative Inspector and referred to by Mr. Van Ross during the last Budget discussion of the Council (Council Proceedings, Vol. XI, No. 3 page 222)?

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